



The 2024 Mérieux Foundation – IRD joint PhD scholarship

Purpose - Definition and scope

- * Mérieux Foundation and IRD are launching a joint PhD scholarship with a **maximum amount of 50,000 euros over 36 months** for the 2024-2025 academic year.
- * The scholarship will allow the PhD candidate to :
 - carry out a thesis in a professional context
 - acquire the necessary skills for research practice
- * This joint scholarship covers all doctoral programs undertaken within a collaborative project between IRD and Mérieux Foundation, aiming at strengthening GABRIEL network laboratories diagnostic and research expertise. Half of the thesis duration shall be spent in a [lab from the GABRIEL network](#) (priority will be given to Rodolphe Mérieux Labs). Objective connections with IRD will need to be integrated in the thesis work so as to fully benefit from IRD's research expertise. **Insights on a long-term involvement of the awardee in the lab where they were trained will be considered.**
- * The nature of financial aid and the obligations of each party will be stipulated in an agreement to be signed when the scholarship is awarded. The monthly amount of aid corresponds to a contribution to living expenses, calculated on the basis of the salary of a junior researcher in the host country (see the country remuneration scale in the Appendix). This amount may not exceed the host laboratory's remuneration paid to its staff of the same grade level. **This scholarship is paid to the managing office of the host research laboratory for the sole purpose of funding the beneficiary's thesis.**

Eligibility criteria for the host research laboratory

- * The host laboratory undertakes to provide the PhD student with the necessary scientific supervision to enable him/her to carry out his/her doctoral program in a professional manner.
- * The host research laboratory agrees to provide social security coverage to the beneficiary for the duration of the scholarship.
- * The host research laboratory agrees to manage the funds which will be transferred to cover the scholarship through a collaborative agreement. Overheads are not eligible and can be considered as co-funding from the host research laboratory.

Application requirements

The candidate must fulfill the following eligibility criteria:

- be a doctoral student registered in a French doctoral school for the academic year 2024-2025, with or without co-tutorship with a doctoral school in the home country

Students in the course of completing their current thesis will not be considered.

Presentation – scholarship application

The application must include:

- * A curriculum vitae of the candidate
- * The candidate's motivation letter (1 page maximum). This letter must mention the **name of the French doctoral school** in which the student will be registered as well as the names of the student's thesis Director(s) or co-director(s) from both the GABRIEL Network Lab and an IRD Research team.
- * The thesis project (3 pages maximum)



- * A letter from the laboratory Director describing the beneficiary's expected career plan within the host laboratory (1 page maximum)
- * A letter of commitment from the international institution, in the case where the thesis program is carried out in collaboration
- * A letter of commitment from all director(s) and co-director(s) of the thesis

Provisional timetable

- * Applications open: March 14, 2024
- * Deadline for receipt of applications: April 30, 2024
- * Short-listed candidates to be interviewed will be informed by email by May 13, 2024
- * Signing of the convention: September 2024

The application should be completed in French or in English and sent by email both to the Merieux Foundation (florence.pradel@fondation-merieux.org) and to the IRD (sante@ird.fr)

Deadline for receipt of candidates' application: **April 30, 2024**

Composition of the selection committee

The selection committee is composed of 3 representatives from the IRD and 3 representatives from the Mérieux Foundation.



Candidate application The 2024 GABRIEL network PhD scholarship

1. INFORMATION ON THE CANDIDATE

First name	
Surname	
Address	
Date of birth	
Subject of Master Degree and date of graduation	
Name of the French doctoral school in which the candidate will be registered	
Phone	
Email	

2. INFORMATION ON THE THESIS PROJECT

Title of the thesis project	
Expected start date of thesis	
Name and email of the Director(s) of the thesis	
Name and email of the co-Director(s) of the thesis (if applicable)	
Name of the partners and institution associated with the thesis project	
Theme	<input type="checkbox"/> Antimicrobial Resistance <input type="checkbox"/> Tuberculosis <input type="checkbox"/> HIV <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis <input type="checkbox"/> Acute Respiratory Infections <input type="checkbox"/> Coronavirus <input type="checkbox"/> Emerging infectious diseases <input type="checkbox"/> Global Health including: <input type="checkbox"/> social science <input type="checkbox"/> economics science <input type="checkbox"/> environmental science <input type="checkbox"/> « One Health » <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify.....



Keywords (max 4)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1.2.3.4.
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3. INFORMATION ON THE FUNDED PROJECT TO WHICH THE THESIS WILL BE LINKED- **MANDATORY**

Name of the project	
Name of the Principal Investigator	
Total budget and sources of funding	
Name of the partners and institution associated with the funded project	
Keywords (max 4)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1.2.3.4.

4. HOST RESEARCH LABORATORY

Name of the laboratory / unit / Department	
University, Research Center, Hospital to which the laboratory is attached	
First name, surname of the laboratory director	
First name, surname of the candidate supervisor	
Address of the laboratory	
Country	



5. CURRICULUM VITAE OF THE CANDIDATE



6. MOTIVATION LETTER OF THE CANDIDATE (MAXIMUM 1 PAGE)



7. THESIS PROJECT (3 PAGES MAXIMUM)

Plan :

- *Scientific description of the project*
- *Objectives of the project*
- *Methodology*
- *Project timeline (provide a Gantt chart)*
- *Expected results*
- *Bibliography*

If a collaboration with an international institution is established, describe precisely the scientific contributions of this institution as well as the collaborative activities that will be carried out in the framework of the thesis.



8. DETAILED ESTIMATED 3-YEAR BUDGET APPROVED BY THE LABORATORY DIRECTOR

The budget must include the following budget lines:

1st year : specify the period : from MM/AAAA to MM/AAAA

	Unit	Unit cost (€)	Quantity	Total cost (€)	Amount requested from Mérieux Foundation (€)	Amount of the co-funding (€)
Remuneration in the host laboratory	Month					
Remuneration* during stays in the laboratory of the international institution : specify the country:	Month					
Flight tickets*	Ticket					
Visa*	Visa					
TOTAL						

* to be indicated if a collaboration with an international institution is established

2nd year : specify the period : from MM/AAAA to MM/AAAA

	Unit	Unit cost (€)	Quantity	Total cost (€)	Amount requested from Mérieux Foundation (€)	Amount of the co-funding (€)
Remuneration in the host laboratory	Month					
Remuneration* during stays in the laboratory of the international institution : specify the country:	Month					
Flight tickets*	Ticket					
Visa*	Visa					
TOTAL						

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3rd year : specify the period : from MM/AAAA to MM/AAAA

	Unit	Unit cost (€)	Quantity	Total cost (€)	Amount requested from Mérieux Foundation (€)	Amount of the co-funding (€)
Remuneration in the host laboratory	Month					
Remuneration* during stays in the laboratory of the international institution : specify the country:	Month					
Flight tickets*	Ticket					
Visa*	Visa					
TOTAL						

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Summary for the 3 years

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Visa*	Visa					
TOTAL						

*** to be indicated if a collaboration with an international institution is established**

Date:

Name of the Laboratory director:

Signature:



9. LETTER FROM THE LABORATORY DIRECTOR DESCRIBING THE BENEFICIARY'S EXPECTED CAREER PLAN WITH THE LABORATORY (MAXIMUM 1 PAGE)



**10 LETTER OF COMMITMENT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PARTNER INSTITUTION
(mandatory if the thesis program is carried out in collaboration)**



APPENDIX

Fee for a Phd scholarship-student status

Countries	Net monthly amounts (€) depending on the beneficiary's location
BANGLADESH	300 €
CONGO	300 €
CUBA	300 €
ETHIOPIE	300 €
GABON	300 €
GUINEE	300 €
INDONESIE	300 €
MADAGASCAR	300 €
MOZAMBIQUE	300 €
PHILIPPINES	300 €
REPUBLIQUE CENTRAFRICAINE	300 €
TOGO	300 €
ALGERIE	405 €
CAMEROUN	405 €
CHINE	405 €
COMORES	405 €
EGYPTE	405 €
JORDANIE	405 €
MALAISIE	405 €
NEPAL	405 €
PALESTINE	405 €
SYRIE	405 €
TCHAD	405 €
TIMOR ORIENTAL	405 €
BENIN	450 €
BURKINA FASO	450 €
GHANA	450 €
TANZANIE	450 €
COTE D'IVOIRE	540 €
HAITI	540 €
INDE	540 €
LAOS	540 €
MALI	540 €
MAURITANIE	540 €
NIGER	540 €
NIGERIA	540 €



UGANDA	540 €
TUNISIE	540 €
VENEZUELA	540 €
CAMBODGE	650 €
MAROC	650 €
SENEGAL	650 €
VIETNAM	650 €
ZIMBABWE	650 €
AFRIQUE DU SUD	730 €
BOLIVIE	730 €
BRESIL	730 €
ILE MAURICE	730 €
KENYA	730 €
PARAGUAY	730 €
SOUDAN	730 €
THAILANDE	730 €
MEXIQUE	800 €
ARGENTINE	855 €
BELIZE	855 €
CHILI	855 €
COLOMBIE	855 €
COSTA RICA	855 €
DJIBOUTI	855 €
LIBAN	855 €
PEROU	855 €
EQUATEUR	1 055 €
VANUATU	1 055 €
AUSTRALIE	1 422 €
CANADA	1 422 €
SEYCHELLES	1 422 €
USA	1 422 €
France*	1 588 €
FIDJI	1 588 €
EUROPE	1 588 €
DROM-COM	2 000 €
LA REUNION	2 000 €
NOUVELLE CALEDONIE	2 000 €

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